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# SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a ~~continuation of co-pending U.S. national stage application of~~ International Application No. PCT/EP2004/053615 filed December 20, 2004, which designates the United States of America, and claims priority to German application number DE 10 2004 006 558.6 filed February 10, 2004, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.